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DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

I. Signs are increasing that the 30-year-old Trujillo dictatorship may be nearing an end as both internal and external pressures against it mount.

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A. A high Dominican official has predicted [REDACTED] that Trujillo will last no more than one or two months.

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B. [REDACTED] Trujillo won't last even that long.

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C. Members of the Trujillo family are reported to have recently withdrawn some \$46 million from the Reserve Bank--thus aggravating the country's already poor economic position.

II. Trujillo's departure will probably be sudden, leaving a power vacuum.

A. Leftists and pro-Communists among the many Dominican exiles in various countries of the hemisphere can be expected to make every effort to return promptly in order to seize the initiative.

1. They can probably count on considerable support from Cuba's Castro.

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